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Re: Proposed Rezoning of Southtown Shopping Center

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I want to express my concern and opposition to the proposed rezoning of Southtown.

I love Southtown the way it is, as a full, vibrant and convenient place to shop, dine and visit. Southtown Shopping Center and its wonderful stores have been a true asset for the Community all these years, with special events for Easter, Halloween and Christmas. The children have a great time and we look forward to them every year. It is much more fun and special than going to the Big Malls, especially with the Bloomington Theatre and Art Center volunteers providing Craft activities.

It is my understanding that the City views the immediate area as ready for redevelopment, based upon this Penn American District Plan. And that the future plan does not retain the Southtown Shopping Center with popular Departments stores like Herberger's and Kohl's. Or other Big Box stores like Bed, Bath & Beyond. This is wrong! We do not want the City to propose such a plan and eliminate such a stalwart part of Bloomington. There is no need to incorporate a rezoning now and put the future of Southtown in jeopardy.

Apparently, your Planning Commission understands this problem since they voted unanimously to recommend against the rezoning.

I urge you to take another look at this proposal and not rezone Southtown Shopping Center.

Yours truly, Latrice Dasher